(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)

## (Public Safety/Court related items)

- Hardenburgh Not Guilty: Tribal Council Member Robert Hardenburgh was found "not guilty as charged"
  in tribal court on two counts. One count was for Sexual Assault and one was for Harassment. The honorable
  Associate Judge Angela Sherigan presided over the trial
- **Kelsey Guilty:** Tribal Council Member Norbert Kelsey was found "guilty as charged" in tribal court on one count of Sexual Assault. The second count of the indictment for harassment "was not established." The honorable judge Daniel Bailey presided over the trial. Sentencing was held on February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The case is under appeal at this time.

## (Cultural related items)

• **MSU Pow Wow:** The North American Indigenous Student Organization of Michigan State University presents the 25th annual Powwow of Love on Saturday March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. until Sunday March 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Jenison Field House on the campus of MSU.

## (General area items)

• **Ogema Featured on MiBiz.** The business journal MiBiz featured an interview with Ogema Larry Romanelli on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The interview also looked at the tribe's plans for a Muskegon casino. Go to <a href="www.mibiz.com">www.mibiz.com</a> to view the article.

## (Tribal Government-Department items)

- House of Flavors closing. Due to less than desirable business volume and high costs of food and overhead, the
   Commerce Department has announced that the House of Flavors will be closing at the end of February.
- March Currents is out! The March issue of the Tribal newspaper went online last week. The paper version was
  delayed due to snow days where the office was closed and the Federal (US) holiday, President's Day where the
  Post Office was closed.

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